



# ***THE HAAS REPORT***

***THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT E-NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2012***

**Dear neighbor,**

As we begin my first full term in office, first let me say that it's been an honor to serve as your County Supervisor. In addition to my focus on community involvement, such as building the Friends of the Parks groups, my first year in office has been an intense learning experience. As part of the board of directors for what is effectively a \$1.3 billion corporation, known as Milwaukee County I have delved into topics ranging from federal transportation guidelines to youth management policies, and from budgeting to community-building. In short, thank you for these amazing opportunities.

Having the ability to make positive differences in so many people's lives is one of the best parts of this job. Whether the matters we work on are easy or difficult, I strive to be in touch with you whenever you need to reach me, and I am grateful to have had regular contact with many of you. As always, please call my office or e-mail me with any of your concerns.

In service,  
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## **County Board Committees**

- Vice-Chair, Parks, Energy, & Environment
- Transportation, Public Works & Transit
- Personnel

## **Community Memberships**

- Bay View Neighborhood Association
- Airport Gardens Neighborhood Association
- Bay View Garden and Yard Society
- Hide House Community Garden
- South Side Business Club
- Victory Garden Initiative
- Humboldt Park Watch
- South Shore Park Watch
- Garden District Neighborhood Association
- Holler Park Neighborhood Association
- Town of Lake Neighborhood Association

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## 2012 PAL Program

Each year, the Wisconsin Humane Society accepts applications from education professionals who identify underserved City of Milwaukee students who could benefit from the increased self-esteem and empathy that comes from training and caring for animals. People, Animals, Learning (PAL) is an empathy-building program for youth between the ages of 10 and 13. During the PAL program, students work with shelter dogs, cats and orphaned ducklings. The PAL program emphasizes responsibility and teaches kids how to gain control of challenging situations through kind actions. Both kids and animals benefit from this unique program. We will be holding three sessions of PAL this summer. Each two-week session will be held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. The program is offered FREE and transportation to and from the shelter is provided.

### 2012 PAL Sessions:

Session I June 18-June 29

Session II July 9-July 20

Session III July 30-August 10

If you would like to nominate a student, please complete the application by clicking [HERE](#). Try to provide as much information as you can about the young person you are nominating and how this program can benefit him or her. If the student is unable to write responses to the required questions, he or she may dictate them to you. Participation is limited to approximately 12 students per session. Due to limited space, only applications from students who have not participated in the program previously will be accepted. Deadline for PAL applications is Wednesday, April 18, 2012. Parents, students and teachers will be notified of acceptance into the program in May.

For more information about the PAL program, call: 414-431-6159 or check out <http://www.wihumane.org/education/pal.aspx>.

## The Healing Center

The Healing Center has moved to 130 W. Bruce street, in Milwaukee's near South Side. I recently had the pleasure of touring their new facility and I was very impressed. Their new facility is designed around patients and their specific needs. The new location will provide a wonderful healing environment as the healing center's caregivers continue to provide the highest level of quality care.

The Healing Center was founded in 2000 by a group of survivors, service providers, and community members whose goal it was to create an innovative advocacy center for those affected by sexual violence. The idea of The Healing Center was born out of individual conversations, focus groups consisting of community members, professionals, and survivors, and an advisory committee. From this, The Healing Center was formed and began offering services in 2002.

Though affiliated with Aurora Sinai Medical Center (ASMC), The Healing Center is an independently funded program. The Healing Center is under the Abuse Response Services program of Aurora along with the Sexual Assault Treatment Center (SATC). SATC at ASMC serves almost 800 victims of sexual assault a year, making it the second busiest sexual assault treatment center in the United States. This relationship not only ensures that there is no duplication of services, but it also allows for a seamless healing continuum.

The Healing Center's mission is to offer sexual abuse survivors and their loved ones opportunities for healing by providing support, advocacy and community education. Their vision is to be a model sexual trauma service agency committed to providing integrative and holistic services to adult survivors. In 2011, the Healing Center served 628 survivors.

Please help to spread the word about this important organization and the wonderful work they do in our community. Although it is unfortunate that we live in a world where Healing Centers are needed, we are fortunate to have the incredible caregivers, expert staff, and professional healers who make the healing center work.

For more information visit: <http://www.thehealingcenter.org/>

## VITA - Free Tax Assistance

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a project of the Milwaukee Asset Building Coalition (MABC). VITA helps low-income Milwaukee County residents achieve financial independence through education, planning and income development. The Social Development Commission is the lead agency for MABC.

In addition to providing free tax preparation, VITA links individuals filing taxes to education about the banking system and the process of obtaining savings and checking accounts, financial literacy on individual money management and asset development programs surrounding asset accumulation and maintenance.

### Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program flyer

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program is designed to move area residents out of poverty. VITA sites are located throughout Milwaukee County to prepare low-income residents' taxes and file them electronically for free.

Four "Super Sites" were created as one-stop centers in targeted locations. The Super Sites address the challenges of local poverty in new and fresh ways. One of the Super Sites is a mobile site that changes locations in order to maximize the accessibility of services, resources and information.

At the Super Sites, the city of Milwaukee Health Department identifies eligible individuals and families who are without health insurance, assess and qualify their needs and assist in the completion of the application process. Financial institutions are on site to give taxpayers the opportunity to open bank accounts and provide information about homeownership and other asset building opportunities. Financial literacy workshops are also held. Download our current [flyer](#) for more information.

*As the lead agency for the MABC, a major asset development initiative, SDC and its Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program has returned more than \$119,422,285 to low income families over the last ten years.*

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA)**  
4041 N. Richards Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
(414) 963-2694

## Kompost Kids

### *A message from the Kompost Kids:*

Fall is in the air and the Kompost Kids want your leaves! Just because winter is around the corner doesn't mean we stop composting. Leaves are an easy way for us to cover fruit and veggie contributions. Right now we use woodchips which tend to freeze in the winter. Leaves stay nice and warm for us all winter round. It makes our job of composting in winter much easier! Kompost Kids are all volunteers so we could really use your help!

We are located behind Sweet Water Organics. There is a gravel path on the corner of Ward and Lincoln Ave right by Baby Boomers Bar. If you go down that path you will see on the right had side 6 bins with little signs on them. That is the Kompost Kids community compost site. There is a sign that says "BROWN SOURCE HERE". Please contribute your leaves to that area. We prefer to have them in paper bags, which can also be added to the pile, but we will accept those sweet leaves in any fashion.

If you don't have a vehicle to transport your leaves, we may be willing to pick them up. All pick-ups would have to be bagged.

We love you and your leaves! [Click here for](#) a flyer that you can put up on your fridge to remind you of what we can and cannot accept at our community compost sites.

Thanks!

[www.kompostkids.com](http://www.kompostkids.com)

## Get in Touch with Me

I want to hear what you think about the issues that are before us. Please call me at (414) 278-4252, or email me at: [jason.haas@milwcnty.com](mailto:jason.haas@milwcnty.com)

Calls from the County Courthouse come up as "BLOCKED" on caller ID, so if you are expecting to hear from me, I might be that blocked call.

I look forward to working with you as I represent you on the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Stay in touch, and I'll talk with you soon.

# Garden District Neighborhood Association Craft Fair

## Join Your Friends and Neighbors

for the FIRST ANNUAL

## GDNA Craft Fair!



**SATURDAY**

**April 21, 2012**

**9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**A.E. Burdick School Gym  
4348 South Griffin Avenue**

**\$1.00 Admission**

***Come see the finest hand-crafted wares of more than  
24 vendors including . . .***

- Candles Hand-crafted Rocking Horses
- Jewelry Aromatherapy Products
- Hand-woven Baskets Quilts
- Stained Glass Totes

***. . . and so much more!***

***To make your shopping more enjoyable there'll be a  
delicious BAKE SALE you won't be able to pass up.***

***Presented by: A.E. Burdick School and  
The Garden District Neighborhood Association***

## Special Message from the Wilson Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee

Here is a message from the Wilson Park 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee:

*The annual Wilson Park Community Fourth of July Celebration **may have to be cancelled**- unless you volunteer today! At present we have no officers on the planning committee for this very special day.*

*Two new and much appreciated volunteers have accepted the job of parade chairmen for this year. We also have a handful of wonderful people who have made this day possible for many years, but now is the time for YOU to step up or most of the day will not happen.*

*To volunteer please call Joanne at (414) 481-4136.*

*The theme for this year's celebration is "Enduring Freedom".*

*Can you really allow this day to be cancelled knowing how many brave men and women sacrificed their lives and fought for the very freedoms we celebrate every Fourth of July?*

I also want to take a moment and thank Joanne Jalowiec for her many years of dedicated service to this noble cause.

## Tippecanoe Park Update

In the past week, I have received several calls about the baseball diamonds at Tippecanoe Park. Specifically, people have been asking why baseball diamonds are being removed from the park, and replaced with soccer fields. According to Parks Department staff, they are trying to meet "a great demand for soccer fields" on the south side. Some baseball backstops are being left in place for neighborhood pick-up games.

This ties in to the need to create a Friends of Tippecanoe Park. The friends group would give park users more direct contact with the Parks Department staff, and raise Tippecanoe Park on their priority list. If you or your team plays at Tippecanoe Park, and you would like to help create the new friends group, please contact my office.

Thank you!